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In re Patent Application of:)
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For: COMPRESSOR HAVING A)
DISCHARGE VALVE MECHANISM)
INCLUDING A VALVE RETAINER)
HAVING A SPECIALLY-DESIGNED)
CURVED SURFACE)

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

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Sir:

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, and in compliance with the duty of disclosure set forth in 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, Applicants are submitting herewith a copy of the reference listed on the attached Form PTO-1449 (modified) for consideration and to be made of record by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office (PTO) in the above-captioned patent application. Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner consider this reference and that the Examiner indicate that the enclosed reference has been considered in this application by returning a copy of the form PTO-1449 with the Examiner's initials in the left column per MPEP 609.

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(a)(3)(i), a concise explanation of the relevance of the reference is incorporated in the specification. Appl'n, Page 1, Lines 17-21.

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